

Remarks

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 131 because of informalities. *See Office Action p. 2.* Such informality has been corrected in the above claim set.

The Examiner has also objected to Claims 57-64, 93-100, and 128-135 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim and has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. *Office Action p. 7.* The Application has rewritten Claims 57-64, 93-100, and 128-135 in independent form and respectfully asks that the Examiner find these claims to be allowable.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 47-56, 65-92, 101-127, and 136-148 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 or unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) by Sansone et al. (US Pat. No. 6028517). *Office Action p. 2 and 4.* The Applicant has withdrawn these claims from consideration.

Conclusion

In light of the above claim amendments, Applicant believes this application is now in good form for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner grant allowance in this case.

Authorization

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Reply, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3791.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Director is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-3791.

Sincerely:

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